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As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name,
and

I believe I am an original, first and joint inventor of the subject matter which is claimed
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POLYNUCLEOTIDES ENCODING A NOVEL
METALLOPROTEASE, MP-1

the specification of which was filed on February 5, 2002 as U.S. Application No.: 10/067,443

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified
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I acknowledge my duty to disclose all information which is known by me to be material to
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